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REMARKS

Claims 1-14, as amended, remain herein.

Applicants appreciate the statements in the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003 that claim 9 is allowed.

Applicants thank Examiner Gary L. Laxton for granting a telephone interview on March 28, 2004 with applicants' representative and documented in the Interview Summary transmitted via facsimile to applicants' representative on April 6, 2004. During the interview, there was a discussion of applicants' admitted prior art, Fig. 1, (AAPA), Oravetz '722, Tsuruta '343 and Alexander '516, and the rejection of applicants' claim 1. The Interview Summary contains an acknowledgement that there is no disclosure in the "Prior Art of Record" of "graphically adjusting the values and then sending the parameters into the protection device."

Claim 1 has been amended to recite means for performing all of the functions recited in allowed claim 9, which should place claims 1-8 and 10-14 in immediate condition for allowance. Minor self-evident changes have been made in claims 2, 5, and 7 also.

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Applicants respond for the record to each item in the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003 as follows:

1. Claim 2 was objected to. Claim 2 has been amended to change "display means" to "means" so there is proper antecedent basis in claim 1 as amended.

2. Claims 1, 2, 10, 12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over applicants' admitted prior art Fig. 1 (AAPA), Oravetz et al. U.S. Patent 5,872,722 and Tsuruta U.S. Patent 4,926,343. Claim 1 has been amended to recite means for performing all of the functions recited in allowed claim 9; the claims thus are allowable.

3. Claims 3-8, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over applicants' admitted prior art, Fig. 1, (AAPA), Oravetz '722, Tsuruta '343 and Alexander et al. U.S. Patent 6,038,516. Claim 1 has been amended to recite means for performing all of the functions recited in allowed claim 9,

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thereby making claim 1 and all claims 3-8, 11 and 13 depending from claim 1 allowable.


All claims 1-14 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 1-14 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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